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## GENEALOGY.

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### NEWTON FAMILY OF NORFOLK\*

During the latter part of the Seventeenth century several persons named Newton came to Virginia; but there is no evidence that any of these emigrants were related to each other. Only two of them founded families of any length of residence in Virginia; John Newton of Westmoreland and George Newton of Lower Norfolk.

1. GEORGE NEWTON was born ———, and died in Lower Norfolk county in 1694. He married between 1673 and 1677, Frances, daughter of Col. Lemuel Mason, of Lower Norfolk. She married (2nd) Major Francis Sayer (or Sawyer) of Lower Norfolk.

It has been as yet impossible to ascertain the English ancestry or the English home of George Newton. As he sent his son to school at Lancaster, England—an unusual place to send Virginia boys—he may have been from that town or its neighborhood. It is also not known whether George Newton came directly from England or from the Bermudas, where the name was once numerous.

His first appearance in the records of Lower Norfolk is in an order of court, dated December 16, 1670, directing that Henry Summers pay to George Newton the sum of 400 pounds of tobacco and costs, with cash, *als.* execution. In 1684 he patented 1000 acres of land in Lower Norfolk county on the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River.

On Aug. 16, 1680, George Newton and wife assigned their right in half a mill and 200 acres of land with all houses &c., to John Ferebee. On the next day George Newton and Frances his wife made a deed, in consideration of 20,000 lbs. of tobacco conveying a mill purchased from James Eires. In 1680 "Mr. George Newton" was one of the justices of Lower Norfolk county (List from British Public Record Office, *Va. Mag. Hist. & Biog.* I, 247).

He married between 1673 and 1677, Frances, daughter of Col. Lemuel Mason, of Lower Norfolk. In 1673 she as "Frances Mason" witnessed the will of Mrs. Sarah Willoughby, and her son George Newton was, according to his deposition, born in 1678. The will of Col. Lemuel Mason names his daughter "Frances Newton".

George Newton died intestate, but the following orders of Lower Norfolk Court show that he died not long before Jan. 16, 1694-5. "In-

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ventory of the Estate of Mr. George Newton, taken the 4th day of March, 1694-5 by order of Court dated 16 Jan. 1694-5, by Richard Wilson, Alex. Forman, John Corperett (Corprew?) and James Wilson. Sworn to in Court 15 May, 1696, by Mrs. Frances Newton." "Mem. An addition p'rsented at a Court held 18 July 1698, to be added to the above inv. The like Adm'r'con is granted to Mrs. Frances Newton on the Estate of Geo. Newton, Dec'd according to an order of Norfolk Co. Court Dated the 15th Jan. 1694-5. Given at James City the 21st Aprill 1695."

Issue of George<sup>1</sup> and Frances (Mason) Newton:

(Order unknown except as to eldest son)

2. George<sup>2</sup>, born in Lower Norfolk County 1678, died in Norfolk Borough, 1762, married, 1706, Apphia, daughter of Col. James Wilson of Norfolk County.
3. Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, born —, died —. Was high Sheriff of Norfolk County 1730 and 1731, and of Princess Anne, to which he had removed, in 1741. Nathaniel Newton, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, of Princess Anne County made a deed May 20, 1737.
4. Lemuel<sup>2</sup>, born —, died 1721. He was appointed surveyor of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties, May 13, 1708, and received several grants of land. By deed March 16, 1743-4, Nathaniel Newton, son of Lemuel Newton, deceased, conveyed land to his uncle George Newton. Lemuel Newton married Margaret —, who subsequently married, prior to Jan 31, 1724, Mr. John Hand (Norfolk Co. Records). The inventory and appraisement of the estate of "Mr. Lemuel Newton, deceased" was dated March 13, 1721.

Issue:

- a. Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, who made a deed to Col. George Newton in 1743-4 and received a grant of land in 1758; b. (probably) "Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, surviving executor of Nathaniel Newton"; c. (probably) Ann,<sup>3</sup> "widow of Robert Ballard [whose will is in Book 12, p. 56] and sister of Lemuel Newton."
5. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> born —, died —. He probably removed to Barbadoes. By deed, dated May 19, 1715, Lewis Connors and Elizabeth his wife, of Norfolk County, sold to Captain Thomas Newton, of the Island of Barbadoes, gent., half a lot in Norfolk Borough, witnesses, William Crawford and Nathaniel and Lemuel Newton. And on Aug. 3, 1716, Jonas Cawson, of Norfolk Co., gent., sold to "Thomas Newton, now of the Island of Barbadoes, gent.," half a lot in Norfolk, George Newton a witness.

GEORGE<sup>2</sup> NEWTON, of Norfolk, Va., born 1678, died June 20, 1762. He married, in 1706, Apphia, daughter of Col. James Wilson, of Norfolk County.

According to a deposition, dated July 21st, 1738, and recorded in

Norfolk Co., George Newton, second of the name, was born in or about the year 1678. This deposition shows that he went to school in the town of Lancaster, England.

It is as follows:

"The Deposition of George Newton, aged sixty years or thereabouts, being examined & Sworn, Saith: That in the year 1692 And in the year of our Lord God 1693. This deponent was at school in the Kingdom of England in the Town of Lancaster & Lancashire, And lived w'th Mr. Thomas Westmore in the s'd Town & this Deponent knew Jonas Cawson, who then went to the ffree Schoole belonging unto the Town of Lancaster, by the Church Yard, And this Deponent was well acquainted with two of the said Jonas Cawson's Brothers that went to a private schoole w'th this Deponent in Lancaster town, One of his Brothers name was Jonathan Cawson, the other name I have forgott being long since as appears by this Deposition. And this Deponent further saith that he hath several times seen mr Cawson, whom both Jonath'n Cawson & Jonas Cawson called Father, but dont remember his Christian name, but always understood when I was in the Town of Lancaster, that the then old mr Cawson was Jonothan Cawson & Jonas Cawson Father & lived some small Distance in the Country from the town of Lanc. And that after this Deponent returned from England to his Native place in Virg'a & lived sometime there this Jonas Cawson came to Virginia & happening in Company with him after some Communication with him this Deponent remembered that it [sic] s'd Jonas Cawson that this Deponent was well acquainted with at and when he was at Schoole in the Town of Lancaster in England, And also talked many times w'th the said Jonas Cawson about his Father & Brother, and that some few years after his coming to Virg'a, he the s'd Jonas Cawson intermarried w'th one Abigail Church by whom he had Christ'r Cawson his eldest son:

And further saith not."

George Newton was still in England in 1695. There is on record in Norfolk county a deed, dated July 16, 1695, from Peter Smith, of Norfolk town conveying to Mrs. Frances Newton, widow, for the use of her son George "some years past gone for England & whether living or not uncertain," certain lots sold to George Newton, Sr., but no deed given.

By a commission from Hon. Ralph Wormeley, Secretary of Virginia, dated July 10, 1699, and recorded in Norfolk County July 17, 1699, George Newton was appointed deputy clerk of the county. In 1708 Captain George Newton, Mr. Nathaniel Newton, Mr. Lemuel Newton, Mrs. [Miss] Elizabeth Newton, and Mr. Nathaniel Newton as guardian of Mr. Thomas Newton, the children of Mr. George Newton, deceased, each sued Mrs. Frances Sayer [their mother] administratrix of Major Francis Sayer, deceased, who married (&c) for £19.11.5, and 2253

lbs. tobacco and one sixth part of 13 head of cattle and 7 head of sheep, which the Court ordered to be paid.

He was a justice of Norfolk county 1708-1738, high sheriff of the county in 1728 and 1729 (*Council Journal*), was one of the aldermen of Norfolk Borough under the Charter, and at the first meeting of the Board on Nov. 18, 1736, was elected Mayor in place of Samuel Boush, named in the Charter, who had died. He was again chosen Mayor on June 24, 1742. Col. Newton was a member of the House of Burgesses for Norfolk county at the sessions of November 1711, Nov. 1714, May 1723, and May 1726.

He married, about 1706, Apphia, daughter of Col. James Wilson of Norfolk county.

Following is an abstract of Col. George Newton's will:

Will of George Newton of Norfolk Co. and town. Calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal (&c). Dated May 30, 1753, proved in Norfolk Co. Court July 1762. To wife Apphia, lot and house where I live, and lots &c where John Duprey, Mr. Greenleafe and Mr. Hardin dwell, and the store house Mrs. Taylor and Capt. Willoughby rent, and the store house Mr. John Boyd and Mr. Aichison rent of me, and the store house Mr. Andrew Sprowle rents, all household goods and use of negroes for her life; plantation called Rosses, McKays and Creekmans, being 500 acres, also plantation called Salter, for her life. To son Thomas after his mother's decease plantation called Rosses &c., and all the land; but [except] one on the main road out of Norfolk called Salters and the lot he lives on and the next lot, only son Wilson Newton to live in the house he now is in during his mother's life, and after her decease, the lot I now live on and the lot Mr. John Dubrey lives on, and plantation called Ellisesland, land called Owen Daughestie and and down the neck called Sparrow, being about 600 acres in all, and all land on the south of the main road out of Norfolk, about 30 acres. To son William Newton one acre of land on the N. W. of the road from Norfolk and £25. To daughter Frances, wife of Paul Loyall, negro boys Lawrence and Tomb and £20. To grandson George Cook at 21 years of age, the boy Quash. To daughter Elizabeth Benbow, that is now in nglan, £50. To wife £20, cattle on plantation &c. Sons Thomas and Wilson to divide negroes after wife's death and they to be executors.

Witnesses: J. Phripp, Josiah Smith, Alexander Ross and John Ross.

(To be continued)